Delegitimization and Antisemitism in Australia – A Snapshot October-December 2025

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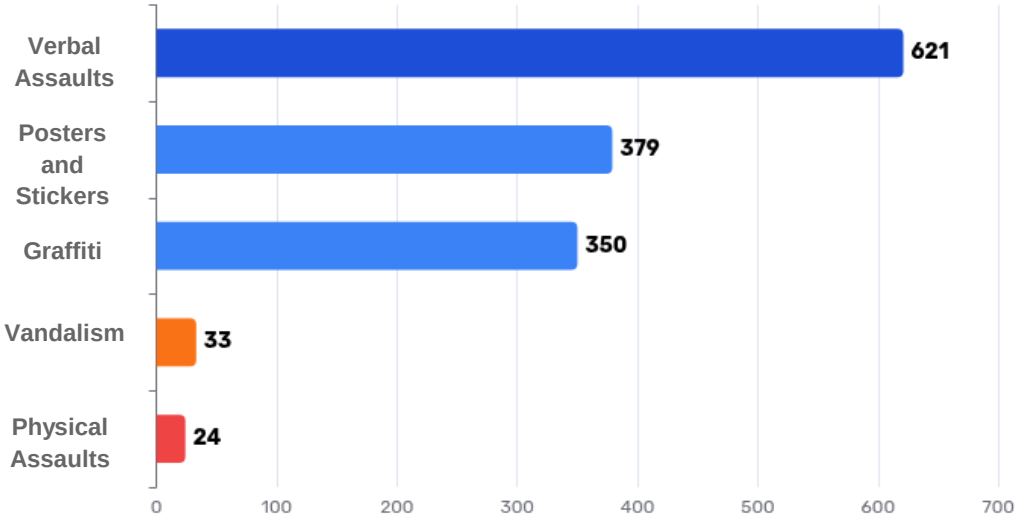
Incidents:
Surge in anti-Semitic incidents in Australia

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Filtered by incident type



Overall reported incidents

1,654

In a period of 12 months

A sharp increase compared to the average

+400%

Relative to the annual average before October 7, 2023

Source: ECAJ Report 2025

A Chronicle of Escalation:
Recent Prominent Anti-Semitism and Anti-Semitism Incidents in Australia

October – December 2025

Glorification of Hamas and incitement to terrorism inspired October 7
Several graffiti inscriptions praising Hamas and calling for “do it again”.
Melbourne, VIC — October 7

Anti-Semitism at the University of Sydney
A faculty member has been suspended after calling a group of Jewish students “depraved”.
Sydney, NSW — October 10

Neo-Nazi demonstration in front of parliament
Around 60 neo-Nazis called for the abolition of the "Jewish lobby”.
Sydney, NSW — November 8

Police raid and seizure of weapons in a private home
The AFP raided a private home following ongoing anti-Semitic threats online, seizing weapons and Nazi-themed items
Caboolture, QLD — November 21

Antisemitic graffiti at Bondi Beach
Extensive graffiti on public buildings with harsh messages against Zionism and Israel.
Sydney, NSW — November 29

Arrests and indictments against neo-Nazis
Two separate arrests for possession of violent extremist materials, Nazi flags, and incitement to violence.
Brisbane, QLD — December 5

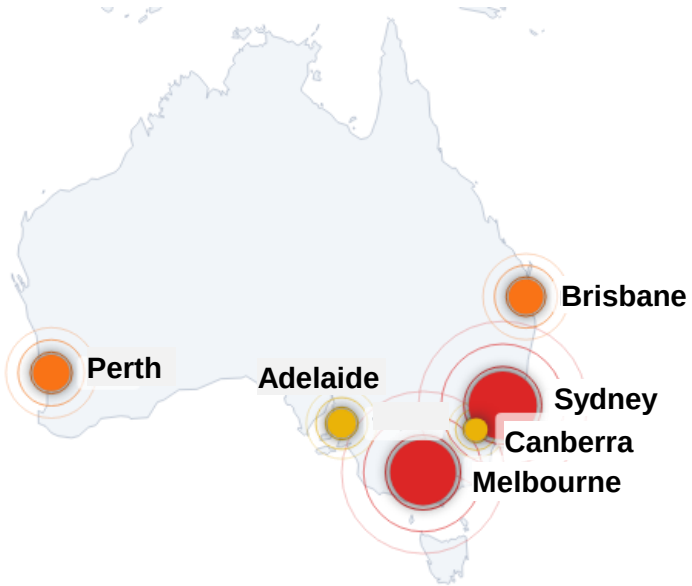
Mass shooting terror attack on Hanukkah eve at Bondi Beach
Two Muslim terrorists opened fire on Jewish celebrants at a public vigil. At least 15 were killed and dozens injured.
Sydney, NSW — December 14

Discourse:
Anti-Semitic discourse urban centers in Australia

September 2023 – April 2024

Cities by number of antisemitic posts (X)

Sydney NSW	445,591
Melbourne VIC	414,172
Perth WA	129,099
Brisbane QLD	116,095
Adelaide SA	78,869
Canberra ACT	43,234



Source: J-SOC Report, September 2025 (internal copy)

Actors:
Key generators of anti-Semitism and delegitimization in Australia

As of December 15, 2025

Organizations and Politicians (# of followers)

110k	146k	Adam Bandt (Greens)
69k	97k	Mehreen Faruqi (Greens)
83k	19k	Free Palestine Melbourne
66k	36k	Palestine Action Group Sydney
58k	22k	Australia Palestine Advocacy Network
19k	19k	Whistleblowers, Activists & Community Alliance
24k	11k	BDS Australia
24k	7k	Disrupt Wars
22k	2k	Students for Palestine USyd
22k	1k	University of Melbourne for Palestine

Active influencers and content creators (# of followers)

94k	448k	Caitlin Johnstone
6k	526k	Syrian Girl (Maram Susli)
313k	173k	Robert Martin
98	252k	Imran Ali Rana
1.5k	227k	Tim Anderson
57k	47k	Antony Loewenstein
62k	9k	Nasser Mashni
11k	33k	Omar Sakr
21k	4k	Hasheam Tayeh
22k	161	Assala Sayara

Source: J-SOC Report, September 2025 (internal copy) and a social network overview

Actors:
Designation of the IRGC as a terrorist organization in Australia

Timeline of IRGC activity and government response

October 2024
Attack on a restaurant in Sydney

December 2024
Synagogue Attack in Melbourne

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSE
CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT ACT 2025

27 November 2025
IRGC listed as a state sponsor of terrorism

Offenses and Consequences (Division 5.3 of the Criminal Code)

- Directing Activities
- Membership
- Recruiting & Training
- Funding & Support

Up to
25
Years
Imprisonment

Ministers Statements

“Iran's attacks were unprecedented and dangerous acts of aggression orchestrated by a foreign nation on Australian soil, which is why we are listing the IRCG as a state sponsor of terrorism” **- Penny Wong, Minister for Foreign Affairs**

“Listing of the IRGC is in direct response to the despicable actions of the Iranian Government, and further empowers our police, security, and intelligence agencies to stamp out hatred and violence” **- Tony Burke, Minster for Home Affairs**

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Prominent promoters of anti-Semitism and delegitimization in Australia include politicians, online influencers, and organizations

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BDS and delegitimization organizations

Australia Palestine Advocacy Network (APAN)

Disrupt War

Whistleblowers, Activists & Community Alliance

Radical left-wing politicians and anti-Zionist influencers

Robert Martin
An online activist who compares Israel to the Nazis and uses anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic rhetoric

Caitlin Johnstone
Anti-Western blogger, promoting conspiracies and complete delegitimization of Israel

Adam Bandt (Greens)
The Greens' chairman until recently, promoting a discourse of "apartheid," "war crimes," and delegitimization against Israel

The generators of the delegitimization in Australia are based on a combined axis of politicians from the progressive left (mainly the Greens), BDS organizations and pro-Palestinian protest movements, alongside online influencers and radical activists, who together promote narratives of decolonization, anti-imperialism and anti-Zionist conspiracies – while denying the existence of Israel and sometimes veering into outright anti-Semitism.

Terrorism in Australia:
Shooting at Bondi Beach, Sydney

December 14, 2025

Location and timing of the attack:

Archer Park, adjacent to Bondi Beach, Sydney (NSW), during the Hanukkah celebrations of the local Jewish community.

Terrorists:

Identity: Father (50) and son (24) who used a shotgun
Motive: Anti-Semitic, inspired by ISIS
Status: One killed and one arrested

Casualties:

Dead: 15 (as of 12/15/2025)
Injured: 40+

Context:

The deadliest shooting in Australia since the Port Arthur massacre (1996). It sparked a renewed public debate on gun laws and domestic terrorism.

The Jewish community in Australia links the incident to the Australian government ignoring various warnings about growing anti-Semitism in the country and accuses it of not doing enough to protect the community.

Picture of the Bondi Beach attackers. Inspired by ISIS and trained in the Philippines before the attack.

Source: NBC News

Examples of recent hate speech in the two months before the attack:
Neo-Nazi demonstration against the "Jewish lobby" in Sydney, November 10, 2025

Source: Combat Antisemitism Movement

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Examples of recent hate speech in the two months prior to the attack:
Anti-Semitic musical event in Adelaide, November 8, 2025

A group of over 15 local musicians formed an organization called "Musicians for Palestine Kaurna Yarta", in response to a performance by musicians from Israel in Adelaide in September.

"We understand both genocide and ethnic cleansing to be implicit to Zionism: the movement that dispossesses Palestinians of their land to create a Jewish ethnostate".

"We will not participate in the normalisation of Zionism in the arts. We commit to using our influence as musicians to both keep the public engaged and informed about Palestine, and to obstruct Zionist artists from profiting here".

Source: InDaily

Examples of recent hate speech in the two months before the attack:
Anti-Semitic outburst at the University of Sydney, October 10, 2025

Rose Nakad, a faculty member at the University of Sydney, lashes out at a group of Jewish people celebrating Sukkot

"A Zionist is the lowest form of rubbish … [a Zionist] are the most disgusting thing to ever walk this earth … I am an Indigenous Palestinian… They're shredding children … you should be making it stop…"

Source: ABC News

Examples of recent hate speech in the two months before the attack: Graffiti in Melbourne, October 7, 2025

Graffiti calling for another October 7 and to “Free Palestine”

Graffiti glorifying Hamas

Source: ABC News

Examples of recent hate speech in the two months before the attack:
Hamas flag at a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Brisbane, October 3, 2025

Protester who waved Hamas flag evaded indictment after claiming he didn't know the meaning of the flag

Source: Australian Parliament

Examples of recent hate speech in the two months leading up to the attack:
Selected anti-Semitic tweets on X: Caitlin Johnstone

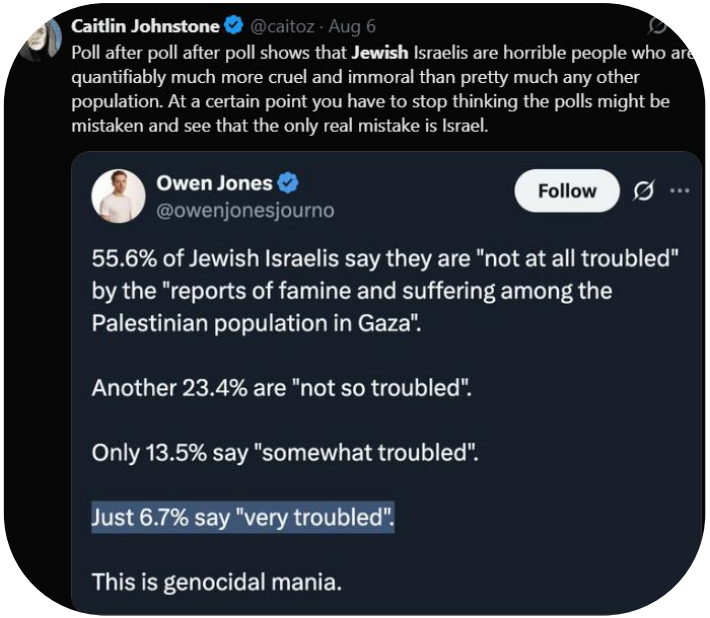
448k Followers

06.10.2025

Caitlin Johnstone
@caitoz
Someone who is truly and sincerely worried about a rise in antisemitism will oppose the mass slaughter of children under the Star of David banner by a state which claims to represent all Jews while Jewish billionaires buy up media to silence criticism of that state and Jewish oligarchs openly purchase the president of the world's most powerful government to ensure the facilitation of that state's atrocities.
2:35 AM · Oct 6, 2025 · 24K Views
47
490
1.4K
92

Source

06.08.2025


Caitlin Johnstone @caitoz · Aug 6
Poll after poll after poll shows that Jewish Israelis are horrible people who are quantifiably much more cruel and immoral than pretty much any other population. At a certain point you have to stop thinking the polls might be mistaken and see that the only real mistake is Israel.
Owen Jones
@owenjonesjourno
Follow
55.6% of Jewish Israelis say they are "not at all troubled" by the "reports of famine and suffering among the Palestinian population in Gaza".
Another 23.4% are "not so troubled".
Only 13.5% say "somewhat troubled".
Just 6.7% say "very troubled".
This is genocidal mania.

Source

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Examples of recent hate speech in the two months before the attack:
Selected anti-Semitic tweets on X: Syrian Girl

526k followers

09.11.2025

Syrian Girl @Partisangirl · Nov 9
Left wing or right wing.
Everyone has noticed the power of the Jewish lobby in Australia.
The Noticer @NoticerNews · Nov 8
New footage shows about 70 members of the National Socialist Network protesting outside NSW parliament in Sydney today against the Jewish lobby's influence on Australian politics.
4:25
15
43
204
11K

Source

10.11.2025

Syrian Girl
@Partisangirl
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Two terrorists meet.
The founder of AlQaeda in Syria and the head of the world Jewish congress Ronald S. Lauder.
I had the opportunity to have a first meeting with Syria's President Ahmed al-Sharaa on the sidelines of last week's UNGA.
We had a very positive discussion about normalization between Israel and Syria.
الخدمة العسكرية
بدأ الخدمة
2003
2011-2003 العراق
2011-الآن سوريا
23.5K Views

Source

Examples of recent hate speech in the two months leading up to the attack:
Selected anti-Semitic tweets on X: Tim Anderson

227k followers

16.10.2025

tim anderson
@timand2037
Zionist driven anti-Jewish "crisis". NSW (Australian) police wrongly categorised many reported incidents as #antisemitic "solely on the basis that the person reporting or the victim was Jewish ".
au.headtopics.com/news/nsw-polic...
NSW police wrongly categorise 'significant' number of incidents as antisemitic
11/10/2025 9:21 AM

Source

24.10.2025

tim anderson
@timand2037
Max Blumenthal, one of the best US journalists on the 'Middle East', speaks with Iranian Jews about their position and shares what it is to be be an anti-Zionist Jewish person in an age of Zionist aggression.
youtube.com/watch?v=KeUnjV...
GZ
We don't feel like a minority in Iran.

Source